GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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DEVELOPMENT OF AUTO INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued guidelines to the Auto Industry to popularize the `Made in India` brand globally and strengthen development activities in their enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the auto industry has demanded for upgradation of existing testing facilities;

(d) if so, whether the Government have approved several projects in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith cost of projects and funds released for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) and (b): No such guidelines have been issued by the Government . However the Government have been encouraging strengthening of `Made in India` brand globally through the Indian Auto Industry which fully delicensed and is now operating in a WTO compatible environment.

(c) to (e): The Government at their own initiative realized the need for upgradation and modernization of the existing testing facilities. Based on a comprehensive proposal of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), a blueprint for major upgradation of testing facilities at an estimated cost of Rs.1480 crores has been accorded `in principle` approval by the Government. Since the investment involved is very large, Government are exploring the possibilities of arranging institutional funding.